

Lord has given us direction in how to achieve this. That direction is clear and unequivocal. I pray that we shall follow it, as I leave with you, my brethren of the holy priesthood, my testimony and witness of the divinity of this work, and invoke the blessings of the Lord upon you. In

the name of him whom we serve, even the Lord Jesus Christ, amen.

President Hinckley

President Romney will now speak to us.

President Marion G. Romney

I have enjoyed being here with you in this meeting and have enjoyed the talks that have been given. I feel that the Spirit of the Lord has been with us.

his service in the respective offices in the priesthood that we hold.

The power of the priesthood

It is a great thing to hold the priesthood of God, and that is what this is tonight—a priesthood meeting. The priesthood of God is power. It is an endowment, which the Lord has given to us who hold the priesthood, to perform sacred ordinances that have effect in this world and in the world to come. It is the greatest power in the world—the priesthood—and I am very happy that I have had the privilege through the years to bear the priesthood and to receive offices in the priesthood from deacon up to the offices of the Melchizedek Priesthood which I have had assignments to work in. I know that it is the priesthood that will save this world. It is not a man-made organization; it is not a man-prepared organization—it embodies a power revealed from heaven and sent here to us to help us prepare our lives for eternal life in the presence of our Father in Heaven.

The priesthood is sacred

I have held the priesthood for three-quarters of a century, from the time I was a deacon until I now hold the Melchizedek Priesthood, and I have enjoyed it all through the years. It has been sacred to me, and it is sacred to me now. I hope that you have the same feeling about the priesthood. Don't ever do anything that you would be ashamed of, that you would be ashamed to talk to the Lord about, because we will meet him some day if we live the gospel well enough to have that privilege. We will be very grateful then, if we know, as he will know, that our lives have been in harmony with the teachings of the gospel and the responsibility that is placed upon us who hold the priesthood.

It is a great thing to see this building completely filled with bearers of the priesthood, both men who bear the Melchizedek Priesthood—old men like myself—and young men who bear the Aaronic Priesthood. I hope that we appreciate the authority that the Lord has given us to act in

Blessing

I have enjoyed this meeting. I am glad I came, and I am glad I have heard what I have heard here tonight. I pray the Lord will bless each boy and man, old and young, that is here tonight with the feeling and determination that he will live the teachings of the gospel and magnify the priesthood which the Lord has given him. It will be a great day for us individually when we are called to give an account of our deeds down here on the earth, if

we can be assured that the Lord will approve our actions and we can go on to the eternities beyond this life to experience the growth that comes to men and boys who hold the priesthood, faithfully do their duties, and seek the Lord.

As I said before I have enjoyed this meeting tonight and I am happy that you have been here. I hope you will all come tomorrow to the conference.

I leave my blessings with you and pray that you will be given an understanding that priesthood power is the power of God. Never do anything to disappoint yourselves or your loved ones or the Lord, or that would diminish your right to blessings that will come to you through obedience to the priesthood as long as you live. I leave my blessings with you and my testimony, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

President Hinckley

Thank you, President Romney, for those wonderful words and that moving wonderful testimony.

We call to your attention that the nationwide CBS Radio Taber-

nacle Choir broadcast will be from 9:30 to 10:00 tomorrow morning and those desiring to attend in the Tabernacle must be in their seats before 9:15 A.M.

As you leave tonight, we remind you to obey traffic rules, to use caution, and to be courteous in driving.

The beautiful music for this priesthood session has been furnished by the combined men's choir of the Tabernacle Choir and Mormon Youth Chorus.

We are grateful to you men for your inspiring music and express thanks for the service you have given here tonight, as well as the tremendous service you give in many other capacities. The choir will now sing "I Need Thee Every Hour," following which Elder Ted E. Brewerton, a member of the First Quorum of the Seventy, will offer the benediction.

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SECOND DAY MORNING MEETING

FOURTH SESSION

The fourth general session of the conference commenced at 10:00 A.M. on Sunday, October 3, 1982. President Gordon B. Hinckley, Counselor in the First Presidency, conducted.

The Tabernacle Choir provided the music for this session with Jerold Ottley and Donald Ripplinger directing and Robert Cundick at the organ.

Prior to the beginning of the

session, the Choir sang "Praise the Lord with Heart and Voice" without announcement.

President Hinckley then made the following remarks:

President Gordon B. Hinckley

President Spencer W. Kimball is watching the proceedings of this session on television and has asked that I conduct it. We miss this morn-